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June 01, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
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Dear Supervisors:

## ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#44 JUNE 1, 2010

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY  
(REGION 33, SUN VILLAGE); DISTRICT NO. 36, VAL VERDE; AND  
DISTRICT NO. 37, ACTON - RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR  
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION'S  
WATERSMART PROGRAM: WATER AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANTS  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to submit three applications for the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants funding opportunity.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY (REGION 33, SUN VILLAGE); DISTRICT NO. 36, VAL VERDE; AND DISTRICT NO. 37, ACTON:**

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Adopt the resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works or her designee to submit applications to the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, for the WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants funding opportunity.
3. Verify that the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (Region 33, Sun Village); District No. 36, Val Verde; and District No. 37, Acton, is capable of providing the funding and in-kind contributions as specified in the funding plans for the grant applications.

4. Direct the Director of Public Works or her designee to meet the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation's established deadlines for the grant programs if any of the three projects are selected for funding.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to submit three applications for the WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for Fiscal Year 2010 funding opportunity administered by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) for the Automated Meter Reading (AMR) projects in Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (Region 33, Sun Village); District No. 36, Val Verde; and District No. 37, Acton (collectively "Districts").

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by maximizing the effectiveness of the County's operations to account for the delivery of water consumed by the Districts' customers. It also satisfies the goals of Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3) by promoting use of information technology to improve service efficiency.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The total estimated cost for the projects in Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (Region 33, Sun Village); District No. 36, Val Verde; and District No. 37, Acton, is \$582,300, \$570,400, and \$591,100, respectively, which includes \$317,300, \$310,400, and \$321,100 in required matching funds and in-kind contributions. Funds for the projects will be budgeted in each District's Fiscal Year 2010-11 to Fiscal Year 2012-13 Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N64, N47, and N50). If the grants are awarded, the Bureau will reimburse the Districts upon completion of the three projects for the requested grant amounts of \$265,000 to District No. 40, \$260,000 to District No. 36, and \$270,000 to District No. 37.

#### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Districts are a public water systems formed pursuant to Division 16 of the California Water Code and have the legal authority to enter into a grant contract with the Bureau under Section 55339 of the California Water Code. The enclosed resolution, which is required by the Bureau, has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

The Bureau's grant funding will be used to purchase and install approximately 4,200 AMR devices to replace existing direct-read meters for the Districts' customers. AMR is the technology that automatically collects data from water meters through radio communication and transfers that data to a central database for billing and customer service purposes. These projects are expected to increase the accuracy and efficiency of the Districts' meter readings, improve customer service, reduce fuel consumption, and improve working conditions for Public Works employees.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

In accordance with Section 15378(b)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, approval of the recommended action is an administrative activity that will not result in a physical change in the environment. It does not constitute a project and therefore is not subject to the requirements of the CEQA Guidelines. Appropriate environmental documents will be prepared and brought to your Board for approval when a project is developed with these funds in the future.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This action will allow the Districts to solicit grant money that will ultimately improve the accuracy of meter readings, provide customers with more timely and detailed information on their water consumption, provide timely customer information on leak detection, and reduce fuel consumption within the Districts.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return three adopted copies of this letter and three copies of the signed resolution to the Department of Public Works, Waterworks Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER  
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY  
(REGION 33, SUN VILLAGE); DISTRICT NO. 36, VAL VERDE; AND  
DISTRICT NO. 37, ACTON, AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS TO  
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, FOR THE  
WATERSMART: WATER AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANTS

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation's (hereinafter referred to as BUREAU) WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants provide funding for projects that retrofit or modernize existing facilities to improve water management through the use of technology; and

WHEREAS, the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility supports augmenting County funds with grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (Region 33, Sun Village); District No. 36, Val Verde; and District No. 37, Acton, (hereinafter referred to as DISTRICTS), hereby:

1. Authorizes the Director of Public Works or her designee to submit applications to the BUREAU for the WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants funding opportunity.
2. Verifies that the DISTRICTS are capable of providing the funding and in-kind contributions as specified in the funding plans for the grant applications.
3. Directs the DISTRICTS to meet the BUREAU's established deadlines for the grant programs if the project is selected for funding.
4. Supports the DISTRICTS' proposals for the Automated Meter Reading project.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 1 day of June, 2010, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (Region 33, Sun Village); District No. 36, Val Verde; and District No. 37, Acton.



SACHI A. HAMAI  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of  
the County of Los Angeles

By Lachelle Smithman  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN  
County Counsel

By [Signature]  
Deputy